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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

The Preliminary Information Form (PIF) constitutes an application for preliminary consideration of a property for eligibility for the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. The PIF is **not** the same as a nomination to the Registers, but is a means for evaluating the **eligibility** of a property for listing. The PIF is evaluated by Department of Historic Resources (DHR) staff and the State Review Board and their recommendations regarding the property's eligibility will be provided to the property owner in writing.

Before Preparing a PIF

Contact DHR's Archivist for assistance in obtaining any information DHR may have on file about your property, such as a previous architectural survey record or eligibility evaluation. You are welcome to use this information in preparing your PIF. Contact DHR's Archivist by phone at (804) 482-6102, or by email at Quatro.Hubbard@dhr.virginia.gov.

Staff at one of DHR's three Regional offices are available to answer questions you may have as you begin preparing your PIF. Locations and contact information for each office is at http://dhr.virginia.gov/regional_offices/regional_offices.htm. (You also are welcome to ask DHR's Archivist for the contact information.)

Preparing a PIF

A PIF consists of three equally important parts:

1. **Form:** Complete the attached form to the best of your ability, using your own research about the property to be evaluated as well as any information that DHR has provided. Remember that DHR's Regional staff also are available to assist you. The form may be completed using Microsoft Word software, typed, or hand-written. If using MS Word, the PIF can be submitted via CD, email, ftp, or other file sharing means.

Your PIF will not be evaluated if it is missing any of the following information:

- Property owner's signature
 - Contact information for the person submitting the form (if different from the property owner)
 - Contact information for the City Manager or County Administrator where the property is located
2. **Photos:** Provide color photographs of your property's exterior and major interior spaces, with emphasis on architectural features instead of furnishings. Photos typically include views of the main building from all sides, as well as important ornamental and/or functional details; any outbuildings or secondary resources; and the property's general setting. Submit photo prints on 4" x 6" glossy photo paper and digital images on CD or other file sharing means approved by DHR's Regional staff.
 3. **Maps:** A minimum of two maps must accompany your PIF:
 - **Location map:** This map shows the exact location of your property. The map can be created using Google Maps, Google Earth, Bing, or other mapping websites. A copy of a road map also may be used as long as the property's exact location and physical address are shown on the map. DHR's Archivist can assist in providing an acceptable location map with boundaries.
 - **Sketch map:** This map shows the locations of all resources on your property, such as the main building; any secondary resources (often referred to as outbuildings); major landscape features such as a stream, formal gardens, driveways, and parking areas, and the road on which the property fronts. The sketch map can be drawn by hand, or an annotated aerial view, tax parcel map or survey map may be used.

Submitting a PIF

Once you have completed the PIF, submit it to the appropriate Regional office. The Regional staff member will inform you when DHR staff will review your PIF and answer any questions you may have about the evaluation process.

Note: All submitted materials become the property of DHR and will be retained in our permanent Archive. In addition, the materials will be posted on DHR's public website for a period of time during the evaluation process.

*Thank you for taking the time to submit this Preliminary Information Form.
Your interest in Virginia's historic resources is helping to provide better stewardship of our cultural past.*



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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 128-5843

Purpose of Evaluation

Please use the following space to explain briefly why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.

We are seeking a preliminary evaluation in hopes pursuing registration on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Are you interested in applying for State and/or Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes X No

Are you interested in receiving more information about DHR's easement program? Yes X No

1. General Property Information

Property name: Salvation Army Citadel

Property address: 821 Salem Ave

City or Town: Roanoke, Virginia

Zip code: 24016

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Roanoke City, Virginia

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building X Site Structure Object

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 1.03

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban X Suburban Town Village Hamlet Rural

Briefly describe the property's overall setting, including any notable landscape features:

The Salvation Army Citadel is located at 821 Salem Avenue SW. The property is 150 feet wide fronting Salem Avenue and 300 feet deep. The site contains one building and a parking lot on the west side. The building is set back from the Salem Avenue sidewalk leaving a front lawn.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Colonial Revival

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: Eubank & Caldwell – Architects; Roanoke, Virginia

If the builder is known, please list here: J. M. Turner; Roanoke, Virginia

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1941

Narrative Description:

In the space below, briefly describe the general characteristics of the entire property, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the architectural style, materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions, remodelings, or other alterations.

The Salvation Army Citadel is an example of Colonial Revival Architecture. The building is composed of two elements; a multi-story building in the front with a gymnasium in the rear. The building presents a two story, symmetrical brick façade to the street. There are brick quoins at the outside corners. Stone pilasters flank the central entry, topped by a stone pediment. Stone is also used for base course, cornice, and lintels above windows. The building and materials are almost completely original. No additions or significant renovations have occurred, leaving the building structure and details largely intact.

Description of Architecture:

The exterior structure is masonry bearing walls of concrete block with brick veneer.

Exterior Features identified with Colonial Revival Architecture:

- Symmetrical façade.
- Stone pediment at entry.
- Stone base course, cornice, and lintels above windows.
- Brick Quoins at outside corners.
- Half circle transom above entry door.
- Double hung-windows, multi-paned.

The window on the main façade are double-hung, multi-paned windows. They were likely single glazed wood sashes when constructed, but have been replaced with vinyl insulated units in the last twenty years. The wood half circle transom at the main entry door is original, but the wood entry doors have been replaced with aluminum storefront. The large windows at the gymnasium are steel framed with circle tops.

The roof on both building elements is low-slope wood joists covered with membrane roofing. Water is conveyed by surface gutters and downspouts at the rear of the building. At the gymnasium the wood joists are on top of long-span steel trusses.

Interior:

The main entry doors open to a central hall with open stair leading up to the second floor and down to the lower basement level. A glazed tile wainscot with a painted wood cap is at the lower portion of the wall. The

upper portion of the wall is plaster. The flooring is tongue-and-groove wood (oak). The stair treads are oak as well.

The Auditorium (Chapel) space is immediately to the left. The auditorium and stage occupy the space on the left side of the central hall. The walls is plastered with a wood wainscot. There are wood pilasters at each side of the stage opening. The ceiling is plaster with painted wood crown molding. The ceiling is accented by two second floor beams which are trimmed in matching wood. The stage is a simple raised platform with a tongue-and-groove wood floor.

The wood paneled "Pine Room" is at the right. The walls are paneled in a knotty pine paneling with a clear finish. A large stone fireplace is the focus of the Lodge Room. A second floor beam is trimmed in matching pine boards and crown molding.

The doors are raised panel wood doors and wood casement trim, typical of the Colonial Revival interior.

The second floor was used as apartment or dormitory space. The finishes are tongue-and-groove wood floor, glazed tile wainscot in the central hall, plastered walls and ceilings.

The basement contains instructional spaces that are finished in resilient floor tile, plastered walls, and small steel windows high on the wall, opening into exterior wells. The mechanical space containing the boiler and electrical service is exposed concrete.

The gymnasium space is at the lower (basement) level but is "walk out" to grade. The concrete block walls and steel trusses are exposed at the gymnasium. A tongue-and-groove maple basketball court floor is installed on sleepers over a concrete slab-on-grade. There are eight large circle top windows in the gymnasium which are high on the wall to provide natural light.

The original light fixtures have been replaced in the multi-story building with surface mounted florescent fixtures. In the Gymnasium the original "warehouse style" pendent shade fixtures remain in place.

Briefly describe any outbuildings or secondary resources (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

There are no outbuildings or structures.

4. Property's History and Significance

In the space below, briefly describe the history of the property, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property. Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The Salvation Army Citadel was built in 1941 and was occupied by the Salvation Army until the sale of the property in 2018.

History of the Property:

The construction of the Salvation Army Citadel in Roanoke, Virginia is documented in newspaper articles from 1941. The architect was the noted Roanoke firm Eubank & Caldwell¹. J.M. Turner was the General Contractor². The cornerstone was laid by Roanoke Councilman, later mayor, Leo Henebry on May 4, 1941³. The Citadel was opened on October 12, 1941 with a series of dedication services held attended by local dignitaries and religious leaders, and also visiting Salvation Army representatives from Richmond, VA and Atlanta, GA.⁴

The Salvation Army Citadel in Roanoke became the home to the organizations ministry to serve those in need, providing services for women, and educational programs young people. The newspaper articles at the time of the opening describe office space, a chapel, a game and reading room, a gymnasium and activity rooms for boys, young people's quarters with classrooms and a home economics department, quarters for women, and an apartment for the resident staff member and his family.⁵ The Citadel also hosted regional Salvation Army meetings, youth conferences, local civic group meetings, and community based athletic leagues.⁷

Many Roanoke residents attended morning and evening church services which were held each Sunday in the Chapel/Auditorium space on the main floor. Many meetings and meals were held in the "Pine Room" on the main floor. The community center was downstairs. The Salvation Army had a reach throughout the Roanoke Valley. A bus would bring attendees to the site and take them home afterwards. The Salvation Army offered many programs for young people, including youth basketball programs in the gym. The gym was also used regularly by Roanoke City Schools for a practice space. Jefferson High School teams using it regularly in the 1960s and 70s. Several other activities were offered, such as Young People's Choir program, Sunbeams and Girl Guards for girls (similar to Girl Scouts), Cub and Boy Scouts for boys. Programs for adults focused on education, fellowship, service, and worship. Many of the women's programs focusing on homemaking skills, cooking, and nutrition. Men's programs often centered on service projects in the community, promoting working together in a group. On the second floor were classroom spaces at each side of a large gathering area. Commanding officer has his office at the second floor central hall. The assistant officer lived in the second floor apartment full-time with his family. In the 1980's there was an adult day-program for senior citizens which included a meal and activities. A bus took them home. Worship services continued at the Salem Ave site until mid-late 1980s when they moved church services to the new Salvation Army facility on Dale Avenue. In the late 1980s a homeless shelter went into operation at the 821 Salem Avenue facility.⁸

The Salvation Army in Roanoke continues to operate its corps (church) and community center activities, including worship services and programs in the chapel, youth character building programs, adult educational classes, a community art group, seniors programs, and disaster relief programs.⁹

List of Sources:

The Roanoke Times (newspaper)

- 1) 2/9/1941 p.35 "Salvation Army's Plans Approved"
- 2) 1/17/1941 p.4 "Citadel's Cost Above \$40,000"
- 3) 5/5/1941 p. 3 "Henebry Lays Cornerstone for New Citadel"
- 4) 10/11/1941 p.4 "Series of Salvation Army Services Starts"
- 5) 10/13/1941 p.3 "Salvation Army Opens Citadel"
- 6) 1/7/1945 p. 7 "Delegates Gather Here Today for Opening of Salvation Army Conference"
- 7) 1/9/1945 p. 4 "Many Attend Salvation Army Youth Rally Here"
- 8) Interview with Roanoke Salvation Army employee Mr. Phillip Priest taken on 1/17/19.
- 9) General information about the Salvation Army in Roanoke:
<http://virginiasalvationarmy.org/roanokeva/salvation-army-roanoke-information/>

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: David C. Venable, John A. Garland, Cecil Doyle, partners

organization: 113 Norfolk Ave, LLC

street & number: 416 Campbell Ave SW #103

city or town: Roanoke state: VA zip code: 24016

e-mail: cvenable@spectrumpc.com telephone: 540-798-8469

Legal Owner's Signature:  Date: 1/24/19

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

6. Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator, City Manager, and/or Town Manager

name/title: Robert S. Cowell, City Manager

locality: City of Roanoke

street & number: 215 Church Ave SW # 364

city or town: Roanoke state: VA zip code: 24011

telephone: (540) 853-2333